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SUBJ: VISIT OF USS LONG BEACH

1. MAY 4-10 VISIT TO YOKOSUKA BY NUCLEAR-POWERED CRUISER LONG BEACH WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT. CONSIDERING JAPANESE SENSITIVITIES TO SUCH SHIPS, THE SMOOTH HANDLING OF LONG BEACH CALL IS INDICATIVE OF DEGREE TO WHICH OUTWARD POPULAR CONCERN OVER ROUTINE SOFA ISSUES HAS SUBSIDED IN RECENT YEARS.

2. SINCE RESUMPTION OF NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIP CALLS TO USN FACILITIES IN JAPAN FOLLOWING THE STA SCANDAL OF LAST YEAR, INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO TWO OCCASIONS WHEN FALSE ALARMS WERE REGISTERED BY STA MONITORING EQUIPMENT. WHILE THESE ALARMS WERE NOTED BY THE PRESS, EXPLANATIONS OF MALFUNCTIONS IN STA MACHINERY WERE SIMPLY ACCEPTED WITHOUT ENSUING CONTROVERSY.

3. SUCCESS OF LONG BEACH AND SSN VISITS HAS IN LARGE MEASURE BEEN THE RESULT OF SCRUPULOUS ATTENTION TO AGREED ARRANGEMENTS BY BOTH SIDES. THE OPPOSITION AND THE PRESS ARE CONTINUING TO PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THESE VISITS,
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READY TO POUNCE ON ANY PERCEIVED DISCREPANCIES IN PROCE-

DURE. EXPERIENCE OF LAST YEAR SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THAT
WITH CARE (AND LUCK), VISITS BY NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIPS
ARE NO LONGER A SOURCE OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN JAPAN.
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